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"Spring 1907"

1969 AE

LD #1

This game has been declared officially ended -- all remaining players have agreed to end the game with Germany (Paul Cote) first, France (Len Lakofka) second, and Turkey (Gary Gyga) third. Countries remaining at the end were Austria, Italy, and Russia, all in Civil Disorder.

The alliance between France (11 units) and Germany (12 units) seemed able to overpower the lone Turkey (7 units). The situation might have been different had not so many players missed moves and gone into Civil Disorder.

In future LD games, substitute players will be used so that such conditions of Civil Disorder do not destroy the game.

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PRESS RELEASE
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Xanadu, Turkey; 1 April 1907 TPI:

His Omnipotence Omar II has agreed to an armistice today in the face of ever-worsening military conditions. "With the barbaric hordes of both France and Germany pressing upon our frontiers, we have no choice but to spare as many of our faithful subjects as possible. We have wrested concessions from the cowardly French and their German dupes. Turkey will retain all of her possessions in Europe, for the Westerners fear to continue their aggression. There can, naturally, be no mutual trust between these unnatural allies. We have provided well for Turkey's future."

The Sultan then retired to the Pleasure Dome to view certain newly arrived goods from Serbia.

LD #7

So far, only 3 people are entered in this game: Thomas Cleaver, Ken Counselman and Nicholas Maffeo. As soon as the other places are filled, countries will be assigned by lot, and the game will begin. Fees: \$4.00, with \$1.00 off for members of the IFW or NFFF GB, and a further \$1.00 off for current players of any LD game.

Needless to say, everyone is invited to join!

"Spring 1905"

1969 AZ

LD #3

GERMANY (Locke): A Par--Gas, A Bur (S) A Par--Gas, A Mun--Tyr, A Ber--Mun,
A Sil--Boh, A War--Gal, F Den holds, F Liv /unordered, dislodged, annihilated/.

ENGLAND (Iakofka): A StP--Liv, F Bot (S) A StP--Liv, F Nwy--Nth, F Mid--Wes,
F Bre holds, F Eng (S) F Iri--Mid, F Iri--Mid.

FRANCE (Menyhert): A Gas /unordered, dislodged, annihilated/, F Spa (sc) unordered.
France is now in Civil Disorder.

ITALY (CD): A Mar, F Tun, F Nap, F Ven all unordered, hold.

RUSSIA (CD): A Ukr unordered, holds, F Sev unordered, dislodged, annihilated.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Nyderek): A Eud--Tri, A Tyr (S) A Tri--Ven, A Tri--Ven /dislodged,
retreats to Vie/.

TURKEY (Tulp): F Bla (S) A Rum--Sev, A Ser--Tri, A Rum--Sev, F Alb (S) A Ser--Tri,
F Ion--Adr.

Underlined moves do not succeed. "Fall 1905" moves are due 13 May 1970 to
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Ulan Bator, Inner Mongolia; 1 March 1905:

The rampaging Mongol Horde of Khan Stipation was routed early today by Turkish
forces at the battle of Magnesia.

Although the Turkish high command was very happy with the news, they were
deeply concerned with the fact that two armies originally designated for the European
front had to be employed. However they will return after they have had time to
pillage and plunder and those other things that conquering armies are prone to do.

Yuhr Ghod, Outer Mongolia; 1 April 1905:

The Turkish armies currently employed in Inner Mongolia have been accused of
laying on the job. The Lord of Outer Mongolia expressed the desire for all Turks
to leave the area of Mongolia, Mongolia, Mahngalvia, and Manhattahn. "If these
yellow Turks don't get out soon" he said, "we'll ((sic)) Bangs Leslie Thappkot and
the BIT troops on them -- a really desperate measure!"

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LD # 5

SPRING 1905

England civil disorder remove F NAO, F EDIN U H
 France L'Heureux NMR from sealed orders--f lyon (s) a gas - spa,
 f spa s.c. was not ordered in retreat and is therefore elim.,
 a gas - spa, AMAR (S) a gas - spa, A LIVER (S) F LON - YORK,
 F MAO - PORT.

Italy O'Hara

A BUD (H), A GAL-SIL, A VIE-BOH, A PIED (S) f spa - mar, f spa-
 mar, (s.c.), f wes - spa sc, f tyr - lyon, A VEN-TYR

Russia Cleaver

F BOTH- SWE, f rum - bla (d + a), A UKR (S) A SEV, A SIL-WAR,
 A SEV (H).

Turkey Katzive

F BLA (S) A SER - RUM, A ARM- sev (does not succeed), F BULEC(s),
 A SER- RUM, A SER- RUM, A GRE (H), F AEG (H). Note: rules of
 DIPLOMACY (C) GAMES RESEARCH page 4 "TO ORDER A SUPPORT, IT IS
 NECESSARY TO WRITE THE LOCATION OF THE SUPPORTING PIECE, THE WORD
 'SUPPORTS' OR ITS EQUIVALENT, AND BOTH THE LOCATION AND DESTINA-
 TION OF THE PIECE RECEIVING SUPPORT." Thus the order arm (s)
 a rum, f bul ec (s) a ser, and f bla (s) a rum are orders for
 a support IN PLACE not a move! Also note the example game says
 (spring 1902 germany) a Ruhr (s) Hol - Bel, not a Ruhr (s) Hol.

Germany Boles

A MUN - BER, A PRU - LIV, F NTH (S) F NGW-NWY, F NGW- NWY, F SWE
 BAL, A HOL- KIEL, A RUHR - MUN. Note: the GM does not accept
 responsibility for delivery of the magazine LD to the players or
 for your moves to the GM. Once in the hands of the U.S Post off-
 ice it is their responsibility. If moves or zines are lost or
 delayed I can do nothing about it. In short "tough".
 press releases begin next page. deadline May 7

LD # 6

Fall 1903

deadline May 7

England Krigsman--F SWE(H), A NWY-ST PETE, F NTH (H), F ENG (S) A BRE,
 A BRE (S) GERMAN A BUR - PAR (not so ordered), F IRI- MAO
 France Counselman (NMR) sealed orders f pic- bre, A PAR (H), F spa
 sc (s) a gas - mar, a gas - mar.

Germany Patton

A BURG (U)(H), f bel - pic, A MUN (S) A BURG, A SIL (S) A PRU-
 WAR, A WAR- MOS, A KIEL- HOL, A PRUS-WAR.

Austria Pulsipher--A VIE (S) A GAL AS DOES A RUM, A GAL (H), A SER (S)
 F GRE, F GRE (H), A TRI (H).

Russia Civil disorder F Bla removed in winter 1902!, A SEV U H,
 a rm u h d a.

Turkey Valentive--A BUL (H), F AEG (S) A BUL, A ANK- ARM (S) BY F BLA

Italy Morale A VEN (H), a pied - mar, f wes p spa sc, F ION (H).

England home, nor, swe, bre, SPT build F Liv,--France par,mar,spa,port
 Germany home, bel, hol, den, war, MOS build A kiel,-- Aust home ser,
 gre, rum,--Russia: ~~xxx~~, ~~xxx~~, sev,-- turkey home bul,--Italy home tun.

LD # 2

spring 1907 1969 AY

Russia Patton remove A rome, f bal-ber, a rum (s) f sev, F BUL LC-
 BLA, F SLV(s) A RUM.

Italy Mc Duffie NMR sealed orders: A VEN (S) A TRI, F MAR-SEA SC,
 f wes-mao, A SPA- PORT, A SER(S) A TRI, A TRI(S) A SER, F NAP-TYR.

England Duncan--a pic-bre,fbre-gas,FENG-MAO(S)BY F IRI, F STP NC +
 F SWE (H), F NTH - ENG, F LIV-NAO.

Turkey Hoyer NMR NSR F GRE, F AEG, A CON, A ANK HOLD.

Germany Nyderek A PAR-GAS, A VIE+A BUD MS, A TYR-PIED, A UKR (S) AGAL-
 RUM, F DEN- kiel, a ber-keil, a gal-rum, A BURG(S) A PAR-GAS, A MUN-TYR.

****DEADLINE FOR LD 2, 5 + 6 is May 7, 1970 6PM CST to Len****

PRESS RELEASES

LD #5

Berlin, Germany; 13 February 1905:

The German officer who sent out the Spring 1904 moves was executed today in a ceremony that included the discharge of all army and navy commanders involved in the Spring fiasco. The Kaiser was heard to comment, "Those @*/11111"

Berlin, Germany; 14 February 1905:

The Kaiser, in a speech today made a desperate plea for new enlistments in the armed forces. It seems that there is a definite lack of officers in both the army and the navy. Strange.

Berlin, Germany; 13 April 1970:

Today the Kaiser announced plans to continue the war with Russia. In his own words, "Where else can we go? Besides, I've always dreamed of being in control of Warsaw."

St. Petersburg, Russia; 22 April 1905:

The Czar has sent his condolences to France on the failure of its Spanish campaign. It seems that France is the only power that hasn't stabbed Russia.

Rome, Italy; 23 April 1905:

The King has finally lost all patience with that puppet of France, Germany. Her snivelling surrender to France was more than he could take. Henceforward, Italy no longer recognizes Germany as being an independant state. When we move on Munich we are in truth moving on Paris since the same person controls them both. However, if the Kaiser still has any remaining control over his country, we are willing to talk with him.

Graffiti on a Paris wall:

"The price of Turkey is not a poultry sum."

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Gentlemen:

The entire argument between Rod /Walker/ + Buddy /Tretick/ is centered on numerous statements, mostly by Rod, which smack of the feeblest attempts at character assassination and really do not cover the topic originally raised by Buddy, i.e., the head of the Diplomacy Division should be elected, the right to vote in the Division should not be a function of the Division 'established rules' and the definition of a 'regular' game should be the same for assigning 'Boardman' numbers AND the rating of these games by those persons in the NJF handling these services.

The definition that Don Miller has control over the Division and who runs

it I find totally unacceptable. At least 4 of the 17 GM's in the Division never got to vote on the established rules nor have they ever seen the 'constitution' to which Rod refers. The desires of the majority should have precedence over an establishment which refuses to listen to the very objections offered by that majority. I do not believe we should perpetuate a dynasty so that Rod's son can be head of the Division when he (not Rod) grows up. If Don Miller refuses to allow and accept such an election or even a referendum to ask for an election then the NJF is outlived its usefulness as a voice of opinion in Diplomacy world.

Len Lakofka

Len -

April 3, 1970

Thank you for a very worthwhile letter. With your permission, I would like to print your letter ... and at the same time I print a letter from Brenton Ver Floeg ... an eye witness to the notorious Calhamer/Walker conference which Rod mentions in every issue of his 'zine.

I have discontinued my all-for-all trade policy, as stated in issue 10 (which you probably won't receive since it is "out of print" already). But, in place of your required subscription until your starts ... lets trade.

I forgot ... I have 3 paid players for IRT already ... just started 6 games (counting the 7-man tournament) ... really 2 games, the latest on 26 March.

Buddy

Dear Len;

4 April 1970

Just got BRONTOSAURUS #4. Your short column on the Diplomacy Division needs, I think, a quick reply. Needless to say, Buddy Tretick's letter was not to all Gamesmasters. He did not send me a copy, naturally, nor did he send one to Conrad von Metzke or David May, other GM's on the NUMENOR staff. Buddy's recent attacks on me have been conducted entirely behind my back, and are almost wholly a tissue of innuendoes and outright lies. He suspended (without telling me) our trade agreement with the first issue in which he attacked me. He has not written a single letter to me since then, nor sent me a copy of anything else. I have managed to keep track of what's going on only indirectly. In my opinion, anyone who chooses to operate in this fashion is not convinced of the justice of his cause. In Buddy's case, I think it is a naked bid for "power"...if you think I'm a dictator, wait until you see what Tretick does. What he really wants is a vast formless anarchy over which he can exercise such authority as may exist and have an exalted title.

I cannot speak for all Gamesmaster, of course, but I find your assumption that all GMs would join if we dumped all membership requirements foolish. For one thing, many will not join a formless entity. For another, two important GMs, Boardman and McCallum, have already told me they will not join the Division under any circumstances. In my opinion, the Division as Tretick wants it to be will have fewer members than it does now. In fact, it never had more than 5 members until I began to reorganize it. And it was then exactly as Tretick wants it to be in the future....a featureless lump with no program and practically no leadership.

Your suggestion that I step down and stand reelection is fine, if you can get Miller to buy it. His authority over the identity of the Division Chief is absolute; constitutionally, an election could do no more than advise Don in his choice of Division Chief.

As to the Permanent Rules, they were adopted by the unanimous vote of the membership. They can only be deleted by a similar unanimous vote. No matter who the Chief is, he must observe that constitutional stricture. And I intend to vote against deletion.

You suggest that our definition of a "regular" game somehow would "prevent a player from obtaining full credit for his win in a 7-man game"...how? What "credit"? The Division doesn't give "credit". Do you mean rating systems? I wasn't aware that they were of such importance. In any event, the Division exercises no control over rating systems, anyway. Two of the most important are maintained by John McCallum, a non-member. Nor is my (non-rating) system under Division authority.

ACHERON 2 will be out shortly. I am going to take up these questions. Your question as to where I get my power is badly phrased. My authority is derived by direct appointment by the Chairman of the Games Bureau; my function is to enforce the decisions of the membership. Are you suggesting that I should not enforce those decisions? Buddy is...his position is that he gets his way or else. If that is "democratic," you can have it.

Best,
/Rod/

cc: Don Miller

Buddy Tretick (which is more consideration
than he has shown me)

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